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1. The following data on May Day demonstrations are based on reports submitted by the various provincial headquarters of the Communist Party of Austria to the Organization Bureau of the party's Central Committee :
 - a. The headquarters for the party in Vienna reported that 120,000 persons participated in the demonstration while another 100,000 lined the streets as spectators.
 - b. The Lower Austrian provincial headquarters reported numerous rallies in which the Radical Socialists and the Communists joined forces. The Communist rallies in the petroleum district drew larger crowds than those of the Socialist Party of Austria.
 - c. The Styrian provincial headquarters reported that Communist rallies were held in fourteen major towns and localities. The Graz rally involving 8,000 people was considered the largest, while the rallies in Judenburg, Knittelfeld and Leoben were the smallest, drawing crowds of 2,000 to 5,000 each.
 - d. The Upper Austrian headquarters reported that 3,000 took part in the May Day demonstrations in Linz.
 - e. The Salzburg provincial headquarters stated that because of the participation of the Radical Socialists, the rally was a larger affair than that of 1949.

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2. All reports submitted by the provincial headquarters on the May Day rallies emphasized the fact that the propaganda had improved considerably as a result of the work of the activists who had become prominent after the ousting of inert members during a recent reorganization.

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